

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather, my original flight tonight was cancelled, and I was forced to miss the rollcall votes on House Resolution 328, House Concurrent Resolution 175, and House Resolution 364. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on each of these measures.

RECOGNIZING EMANUEL  
"TROOPER" LEDEZMA**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Emanuel "Trooper" Ledezma, a rising star in San Antonio, Texas.

Emanuel was born in 1982 to two Mexican immigrants who came to our country to achieve the American Dream. Emanuel immediately took an interest in boxing, joining his brothers at the San Fernando Gym.

Although Emanuel has been a dedicated boxer since the young age of 9, he realized the importance of education and service, graduating from Clark High School and enlisting in the United States Army in early 2002.

Emanuel served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division while he was stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In 2003 he was deployed to Iraq for a tour of duty, and while there, he received numerous medals including, among others, Operation Iraqi Freedom, National Defense Medal, and two Army Accommodation Medals.

While enlisted and stationed at Ft. Bragg, Emanuel joined the Ft. Bragg Boxing Team and traveled throughout North Carolina in competitions. He now trains at the Zarzamora Street Gym and plans to make San Antonio and his family proud by pursuing and succeeding at boxing at the professional level.

Being fluent in both English and Spanish, Emanuel hopes that his cultural and ethnic roots can help him reach out to Latino youth and show them the importance of education, hard work, and perseverance.

Emanuel is a true representation of the "American Dream" that his immigrant parents came to this country to achieve, and I am proud to have this opportunity to recognize him here today.

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**HON. LANE EVANS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained due to a delayed flight and, therefore, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 380, 381, and 382. Had I been present, I would have vote "yea" on all three votes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
FRITO-LAY, TECHNOLOGY PROC-  
ESS CENTER**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Frito-Lay, Technology Process Center in Dallas, Texas, for outstanding achievement in the field of occupational safety and health.

The tremendous efforts on behalf of the entire workforce have resulted in the center's approval to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Volunteer Protection Programs at the Star Level. Frito-Lay, Technology Process Center has now been a VPP participant for 5 years.

Since 1982, OSHA has recognized American worksites that have exceptional records and exemplify commitment to workplace safety and health. Less than 1,000 worksites under Federal jurisdiction currently share this distinction. Sites meeting VPP's demanding requirements typically experience injury and illness rates 53 percent below the industry average.

It is my pleasure to commend the men and woman of Frito-Lay, Technology Process Center for being approved once again as a VPP participant. Their dedication to workplace safety and health deserves to be recognized.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today, and to ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to please join me in celebrating the 75th anniversary of a wonderful city in my district, Grand Blanc, Michigan. This momentous occasion will be marked by a series of events, including the dedication of a new Town Square and the opening of a connector street, both on July 26.

Originally a settlement of the Chippewa Indians, French traders arrived at the turn of the 19th century, naming their new home Grand Blanc, or "Great White." By 1823, pioneer families had set up trading posts, and built homes and farms on the abundant land, which sold for \$1.25 an acre. The railroad added more work and growth to the small community in 1862. In 1904, the village became the first in the State to consolidate its schools, and on March 4, 1930, the residents adopted a City Charter.

Over the past 75 years, Grand Blanc has grown to become one of Genesee County's and Michigan's fastest growing cities, while still maintaining its small town atmosphere. It is the proud home of one of the State's top school systems, thriving commercial districts and downtown area, and many public and private golf courses, including Warwick Hills, site of Michigan's only PGA Tour event, the Buick Open.

Grand Blanc's greatest treasure, however, is its residents. From those who have lived there

for a generation, to those who call it home for the first time, the people who make Grand Blanc such a warm and welcoming community shall always serve as its true nucleus.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Grand Blanc Mayor Michael Matheny, City Manager Randall Byrne, and the dedicated City Council for their vision in recognizing the need to acknowledge this milestone. I am proud to call them my colleagues, my constituents, and my friends. Once again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Grand Blanc, Michigan on its 75th Anniversary.

## HONORING JAMES C. BRAZELTON

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 19, 2005*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James C. Brazelton of Modesto, CA upon his retirement for his dedicated service with the Office of the District Attorney of Stanislaus County.

Mr. Brazelton began his law enforcement career as a Military Policeman assigned to the White House Security Detail. In 1963, he joined the City of Bakersfield Police Department where he served as a Patrolman, Motorcycle Officer and Detective. He accepted a position with the City of Orange Police Department in 1968 and worked his way through the ranks as a Patrolman, Detective, Watch Commander, SWAT Team Commander, and Sergeant. While with the City of Orange Police Department, he attended Western State University, College of Law, in Anaheim, California. Upon graduating in 1974, he moved on from the City of Orange Police Department to spend the next 11 years in the private practice of law.

In 1985, James Brazelton accepted the position as a Senior Deputy District Attorney with the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office. Primarily serving in the Felony Trial Division, Mr. Brazelton was responsible for prosecuting many high-profile homicide cases. In 1993, Mr. Brazelton was appointed Chief Deputy District Attorney for the Felony Superior Court Division and in August 1995, he was named Chief Deputy District Attorney for Administration.

On March 19, 1996, James C. Brazelton was appointed by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors to fill the unexpired term of the retiring District Attorney and was sworn in as District Attorney on March 29, 1996.

In 2001, Mr. Brazelton was appointed by California State Attorney General Bill Lockyer to serve on the Blue Ribbon SWAT Team Practices Commission. He is also a member of the National District Attorneys Association and an alumnus of the National College of District Attorneys. In 2005, he was appointed by President Bush to a four-person focus group on capital punishment litigation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. James C. Brazelton of Modesto, CA upon his retirement from the Office of the District Attorney of Stanislaus County. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Brazelton many years of continued success.